Rajya Sabha on the 28th March, 1988; and state:

(a) what was the term of extension of Kelkar Committee and when it expires;

(b) what is the term for which Kelkar Committee has been further extended;

(c) what is the total number of representations received by Kelkar Committee along with the details of each;

(d) how many representations have been considered by the Kelkar Committee along with the details and by when the total representations will be considered;

(e) by when Kelkar Committee is expected to submit its report in regard to rectification of anomalies brought to the notice of Kelkar Committee;

(f) whether it is a fact that Kelkar Committee has decided to submit a fresh report on the basis of large scale anomalies brought to their notice; and

(g) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a), (b) and (e) The extended term of the Kelkar Committee which expired on 29th February, 1988 has been further extended upto 15th May, 1988.

(c) and (d) Details of representations received from the industry Organisations/Associations and Members of Parliament regarding inclusion in/exclusion from the price controlled categories of drugs are given in the enclosed statements I, II and III respectively. (*See* reply to the Unstarred Question 44 (a) to (d) *vide* col. 68-72 supra) The representations have been forwarded to the Kelkar Committee.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise.

Sources for identification of Hepatitis-B-Vaccine

67. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3500 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th March, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that neither the sales turnover nor the production and imports of Hepatitis-B-Vaccine, Quinidine Sulphate, Ergometrine and Primaquin is monitored by his Ministry; and

(b) if so, what is the other source of such data on which Kelkar Committee relied while deciding identification of these drugs?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Kelkar Committee relied on the information available with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare while deciding identification of these drugs.

Prices of finished medicines

68. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3483 given in Rajya Sabha on the 28th March, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of drug companies have increased the prices of finished medicines despite the fact that the prices of bulk drugs going into the manufacture of these finished medicines, have not been increased;

(b) if so, names of bulk drugs where prices have not been increased

but the prices of finished medicines based on those drugs have been increased along with earlier price, increased price and percentage increase in each case;

(c) what is the justification of price increase in each case;

(d) whether his Ministry has brought any medicine under price control; and

(e) if not, what is the purpose of effective monitoring the prices of price decontrolled medicines and having the power to bring back price decontrolled medicines under price control?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) and (e) As per the provisions of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987, manufacturers of Non-Scheduled formulations are free to revise the prices. However, Government is empowered to bring within price-control any price-decontrolled drug should it be considered necessary to do so.

(d) No, Sir.

Prices of decontrolled bulk drugs

69. DR RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the producers of price decontrolled bulk drugs have increased the prices after the announcement of DPCO, 1987;

(b) if so, what are the names of bulk drugs along with the earlier price, present price and percentage increase in each case;

(c) whether it is a fact that all these bulk drugs were under price control under DPCO, 1979;

(d) if so, what was the price fixed under DPCO, 1979 along with the rate of price fixation;

(e) what are the names of producers of each bulk drug along with the production of each during the last three years, year-wise; and

(f) what is the licensed/registered capacity of each along with the stage of manufacture permitted in each case?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Some instances of price increase of decontrolled bulk drugs have come to the notice of Government.

(b) The manufacturers of non-scheduled bulk drugs may revise their prices as per the provisions of DPCO 1987. A list of bulk drugs for which prices have gone up after announcement of DPCO is given in reply to Unstarred Question No. 641 dated 29-2-1988.

(c) Some of these non-scheduled bulk drugs were previously under price control.

(d) A list of non-scheduled bulk drugs for which prices were fixed under DPCO, 1979 is given in the enclosed statement with their current price. (*See* below)

(e) and (f) This department is monitoring the production of 87 bulk drugs only. The details required in the question are quite voluminous and are not readily available. The time and effort required for collection of these will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.